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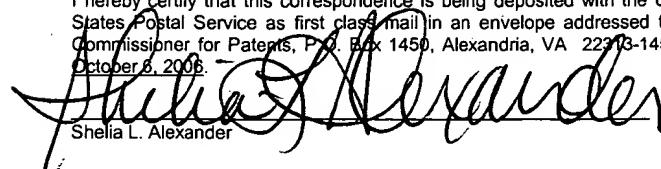
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/954,773 for  
SOYBEAN SUDDEN DEATH SYNDROME RESISTANT  
SOYBEANS, SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE RESISTANT  
SOYBEANS AND METHODS OF BREEDING AND  
IDENTIFYING RESISTANT PLANTS  
Our Ref. No. 1268/2/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. A Response to Non-Compliant Amendment (5 pages); and
2. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon; and

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in connection with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

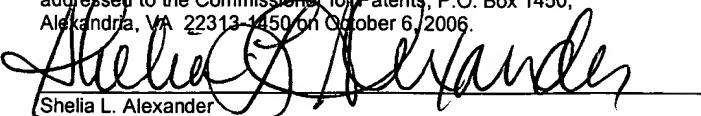
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RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the subject application as follows: